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DEPT PASS SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, EG, IS
SUBJECT: AMOCO OPERATION IN GULF OF SUEZ: MESSAGE TO
FAHMY

REF: STATE 219126

1. I GAVE FAHMY YOUR MESSAGE THIS MORNING ABOUT THE ISRAELI HARASSMENT OF AMOCO DRILLING OPERATIONS. HE READ IT WITH INTEREST AND SAID HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT WE ARE MAKING CLEAR TO THE ISRAELIS OUR SUPPORT FOR AMOCO OPERATIONS IN THE RAMADAN FIELD. THE ISSUE IS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO EGYPT AND THE PRESIDENT REGARDS IT AS A TEST CASE. THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE RAMADAN FIELD IS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO EGYPT IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE, SINCE IT HAS PROMISING OIL PROSPECTS. HE AGAIN CRITICIZED THE ACTION OF THE MARINER FOREMAN IN LEAVING THE AREA AND WAS EVEN MORE ANNOYED TO HAVE LEARNED THAT AMOCO AND GUPCO, ITS EGYPTIAN PARTNER, HAD EARLIER AGREED UPON A GAME PLAN WHICH CALLED FOR THE RIG'S DEPARTURE IN THE FACE OF ISRAELI HARASSMENT. FAHMY SAID HE APPRECIATES OUR EFFORTS AND WANTS TO KEEP IN TOUCH ON THIS MATTER.

2. COMMENT: IT IS IRONIC THAT I SEEM TO HAVE DELIVERED THE LETTER AT THE VERY TIME A NEW INCIDENT IS IN THE
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MAKING AT THE 304.1 SITE (SEPTTEL). I FEAR THAT SINCE

WE AGAIN NOTIFIED THE ISRAELIS THAT THE RIG WOULD GO
OUT THIS MORNING, THEY WERE THERE WAITING WHEN IT SHOWED
UP. MAYBE THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN ANYWAY.
EILTS

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEE.

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